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# CDF NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## Amador-El Dorado Unit



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### **Media Alert - CDF to hold “Live Fire Training”**

**Camino** - The Amador-El Dorado Unit of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) will provide its annual training on the utilization of fire as a tool for wildland fire suppression and control on June 7-8. The CDF Intermediate Firing Operations is a class specifically designed to provide firefighting personnel with the knowledge to safely conduct wildland fire control operations with the use of fire. The term “fighting fire with fire” is the best analogy to describe the purpose of the training.

Students will be instructed on fire behavior, safety, and firing techniques related to the use of fire in wildland fire fighting operations. Scenario training will take place over grass lands that are managed by the Nature Conservancy for “vernal pool habitat protection.” Occasional fire occurrence favors the healthy persistence of vernal pool habitat by controlling invasive weeds and favoring native vegetation.

Firefighters will be split into several groups with a single instructor experienced in firing techniques. Each group will be instructed on each firing method by actually performing the action that is required to produce the desired effect. Fire will be allowed to develop so firefighters can observe fire effects for themselves in a controlled environment.

*Location:* Eastern Sacramento County, South of Highway 104 and east of Rancho Seco Park. The entrance to the ranch where we will be working is located on Highway 104 approximately 2 miles east of the entrance to Rancho Seco Park and power plant. Look for the pink *Fire Road Signs*.

**Live Fire Dates:** June 7 and June 8 beginning at 10 a.m. Fire Information Officer Phyllis Banducci will be on scene June 8, call 530-919-4505 if you would like to visit the site.